

SCHOOL PROFILE 2019-2020



Bishop O'Dowd
High School

FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS

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CHARISM

*Finding God in all things
calls us to:*

- *Community in Diversity*
- *Strength of Character*
- *Academic Excellence*
- *Kinship with Creation*
- *Social Justice*
- *Joy*

ACCREDITATION

WCEA/WASC

ABOUT

Founded in 1951, Bishop O'Dowd High School (O'Dowd) is a fully accredited, Catholic college preparatory school with a challenging academic program. In a culturally rich community, O'Dowd develops healthy young people by providing them with opportunities to grow academically, spiritually, socially, and across interest areas. The present enrollment is 1,250. Applicants at the ninth and tenth grade levels are required to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) for entrance and placement.

MISSION

Bishop O'Dowd High School is owned and operated by the Diocese of Oakland and strives to develop young men and women of competence, conscience, and compassion through an integrated academic, spiritual, and extra-curricular program. Guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we educate our diverse student body to build a more just, joyful, and sustainable world. We seek to develop leaders of influence who are loving, open to growth, religious, intellectually competent, and skilled leaders committed to justice and peace. The core values as outlined in our charism reinforce our continual desire to deepen our Catholic identity.

STUDENTS

The O'Dowd community represents the multi-cultural and socioeconomically diverse population of the San Francisco Bay Area, contributing to the richness of the O'Dowd experience. The current composition is: 19% African American, 14% Asian/Pacific Islander, 43% Euro-American, 11% Hispanic/Latino and 13% other. More than 30% of O'Dowd students receive nearly \$3.5 million in financial aid annually.

FACULTY

O'Dowd's 97 faculty members commit to the highest quality, innovative teaching. More than 75 faculty members hold advanced degrees. Subject expertise and a dedication to effective implementation and pedagogy are defining characteristics of an O'Dowd educator.

CURRICULUM

Delivered experientially and through interactive classroom activities, seminars, college-style lectures and online courses, O'Dowd offers a broad and deep college-preparatory curriculum. Traditional forms of learning integrate with the use of state of the art technology. These required courses combine with electives, totaling 240 credits, for graduation:

- Religion (4 years)
- Social Studies (3 years)
- Physical Education (2 years)
- Science (2 years)
- English (4 years)
- Mathematics (3 years)
- World Languages (2 years)
- Fine Arts (1 year)

O'Dowd offers 21 AP courses and an additional 9 honors courses in six subjects: mathematics, English, world languages, chemistry, and history. In order to take more than two honors or AP courses, students must request permission.

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CLASS OF 2019 PROFILE

Graduates: 276

Attending College: 275

Gap Year: 1

PERFORMANCE

SAT Scores

O'Dowd	EBRW	Math	Total
Top 10%	670	770	1440
Total	613	598	1211
Students Tested	219	219	219

SAT Subject Mean Scores

Biology - Ecology	663	Chemistry	577
Math Level II	678	Spanish	558
Biology - Molecular	678	Literature	629
Physics	672	U.S. History	659

ACT Scores

	O'Dowd	National	Students Tested
English	26.5	20.1	149
Math	23.9	20.4	149
Reading	27.1	21.2	149
Science	24.6	20.6	149
Composite	25.6	20.7	149

National Merit Recognition:

The Class of 2019 had 2 National Merit Semi-Finalists, 5 National Merit Commended Scholars and 3 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars.

College Placement:

98% of O'Dowd students who applied to four-year colleges over the last five years were accepted.

AP Exams:

Bishop O'Dowd High School students passed the AP exam at a rate of 78%. On average, students take 790 AP exams each year. AP tests are offered in these subject areas:

Biology	Government & Politics/US
Calculus AB	Human Geography
Calculus BC	Macro Economics
Chemistry	Physics
Chinese*	Psychology
Computer Science A	Spanish Language & Culture
Computer Science Principles	Statistics
English Literature and Comp	Studio Art - Drawing
Environmental Science	Studio Art - 2D Design
French Language	Studio Art - 3D
Government & Politics/Comparative	U.S. History

*test only

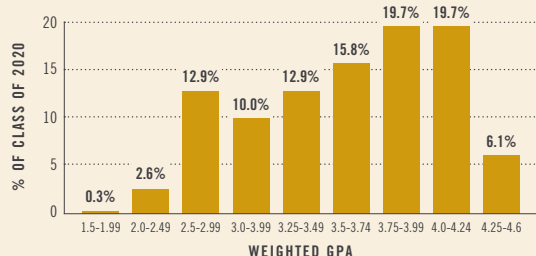
CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Student-run clubs, events and activities build leadership skills and support a diverse range of student interests. These include: 57 competitive teams across 16 sports, 60+ student-led clubs, four musical groups and a theater arts program. Students extend their service learning participation beyond the 100-hour requirement through Campus Ministry community volunteer programs and retreat programs.

CLASS RANK AND GRADES

GPA's are reported on a 4.0 scale. O'Dowd does not report class rank. Advanced Placement and some Honors courses receive one additional grade point for grades A through C.

Class of 2020 GPA Distribution



COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSION TO THE CLASS OF 2019

UNIVERSITIES OF CALIFORNIA: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES: Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Maritime, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, San Marcos, Sonoma, Stanislaus

Allegheny College	Hofstra University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Colorado at Boulder
American River College	Holy Names University	Rider University	University of Colorado at Denver
American University	Howard University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Connecticut
Arizona State University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Rocky Mountain College	University of Denver
Azusa Pacific University	Ithaca College	Roosevelt University	University of Florida
Barnard College	James Madison University	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Georgia
Barrett, The Honors College	Johns Hopkins University	Santa Clara University	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Belmont University	King's College London	Santa Monica College	University of Idaho
Bennett College	Lawrence University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bethune-Cookman University	Lehigh University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Biola University	Lewis & Clark College	Scripps College	University of Miami
Boston College	Louisiana State University	Seattle Pacific University	University of Michigan
Boston University	Loyola Marymount University	Seattle University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Brigham Young University	Loyola University Chicago	Seton Hall University	University of Nebraska at Lincoln
Brown University	Loyola University New Orleans	Southern Methodist University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Bucknell University	Lynn University	Southern Oregon University	University of Nevada, Reno
California College of the Arts	Marquette University	Spelman College	University of Oregon
California Lutheran University	Marymount Manhattan College	St. Edward's University	University of Pennsylvania
Case Western Reserve University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	St. John's University	University of Portland
Central Washington University	Menlo College	Stanford University	University of Puget Sound
Champlain College	Miami University, Oxford	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	University of Redlands
Chapman University	Michigan State University	Syracuse University	University of Rochester
Claremont McKenna College	Mills College	Temple University	University of San Diego
Clark Atlanta University	Molloy College	Texas A&M University	University of San Francisco
Clark University	Montana State University, Bozeman	Texas Christian University	University of Southern California
Clemson University	Morehouse College	The American University of Paris	University of St Andrews
Colgate University	Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles	The College of Saint Rose	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
College of Charleston	Muhlenberg College	The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art	University of the Pacific
Colorado School of Mines	New York University	The George Washington University	University of Tulsa
Colorado State University	Northeastern University	The New School - All Divisions	University of Utah
Columbia College Chicago	Northern Arizona University	The Ohio State University	University of Washington
Columbia University	Northumbria University	The University of Alabama	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Concordia University - Irvine	Northwestern University	The University of Arizona	Ursinus College
Cornell University	Nova Southeastern University	The University of Findlay	Vanderbilt University
DePaul University	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	The University of Iowa	Virginia Tech
DeSales University	Occidental College	The University of Montana, Missoula	Wake Forest University
Dickinson College	Ohio State University	The University of Montana, Western	Washington State University
Dillard University	Oregon State University	The University of Tampa	Washington University in St. Louis
Dominican University of California	Otterbein University	The University of Texas, Austin	Western Washington University
Drew University	Pacific University	Trinity College	Westmont College
Drexel University	Pennsylvania State University	Trinity College Dublin	Whitman College
Eckerd College	Pitzer College	Tufts University	Whittier College
Emerson College	Point Loma Nazarene University	United States Air Force Academy	Willamette University
Fisk University	Portland State University	University of Chicago	William Woods University
Fordham University	Purdue University	University of Cincinnati	Woodbury University
George Fox University	Reed College		Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Georgia State University			Xavier University of Louisiana
Gonzaga University			
Grand Canyon University			
Hampton University			